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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,X	<p>GAFFAR FASILA R ET AL: "Erythrocyte invasion by Babesia bovis merozoites is inhibited by polyclonal antisera directed against peptides derived from a homologue of Plasmodium falciparum apical membrane antigen 1"  <b>INFECTION AND IMMUNITY</b>,          vol. 72, no. 5, May 2004 (2004-05), pages 2947-2955, XP002314305          ISSN: 0019-9567          figure 1</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-/-</p>	1,4,7-20

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	<p>COURT R A ET AL: "MAPPING THE T CELL EPITOPES OF THE BABESIA BOVIS ANTIGEN 12D3: IMPLICATIONS FOR VACCINE DESIGN" PARASITE IMMUNOLOGY, BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS, OXFORD, GB, vol. 20, no. 1, January 1998 (1998-01), pages 1-8, XP008026462 ISSN: 0141-9838 page 1, right-hand column</p> <p>-----</p>	1,4,7-20
A	<p>NORIMINE J ET AL: "IMMUNODOMINANT EPITOPES IN BABESIA BOVIS RHOPTRY-ASSOCIATED PROTEIN 1 THAT ELICIT MEMORY CD4+-T-LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES IN B. BOVIS-IMMUNE INDIVIDUALS ARE LOCATED IN THE AMINO-TERMINAL DOMAIN" INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY, WASHINGTON, US, vol. 70, no. 4, April 2002 (2002-04), pages 2039-2048, XP001184704 ISSN: 0019-9567 page 3039, right-hand column page 2045, left-hand column - right-hand column, paragraph 1 page 2047</p> <p>-----</p>	1,4,7-20
A	<p>WO 90/11776 A (UNIV FLORIDA ; UNIV WASHINGTON (US); US AGRICULTURE (US)) 18 October 1990 (1990-10-18) page 3, line 10 - line 24</p> <p>-----</p>	1,4,7-20

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(1, 4 and 7-20) - partially

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1. claims: (1, 4 and 7-20 ) - partially

Piroplasmid protein consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, fragments and variants thereof, gene encoding it (SEQ ID NO:1), vector comprising the gene, host cell transformed with the vector, vaccines derived thereof and diagnostic method involving the use of the protein subject of the invention or of its corresponding gene.

2. claims: (1, 4 and 7-20) - partially

Idem as subject 1, but restricted to SEQ ID NOS: 4 and 3.

3. claims: (2, 5 and 7-20) - partially

Idem as subject 1, but restricted to SEQ ID NOS: 6 and 5.

#### 4. claims: (2, 5 and 7-20) - partially

Idem as subject 1, but restricted to SEQ ID NOS: 8 and 7.

5. claims: (3, 6 and 7-20)

Idem as subject 1, but restricted to SEQ ID NOS: 10 and 9.

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